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Claim 19. An antigenic conjugate comprising a carrier protein covalently bonded (bound or conjugated) to the conserved portion of the lipopolysaccharide (LPS or LOS or endotoxin) of

Neisseria gonorrhoeae (gonococc?), wherein the conserved portion of the LPS comprises GlcNAc-Hep2-

phosphoethanolamine (PEA)-KDO2-Lipid A, wherein the conjugate elicits a cross protective immune response against heterologous strains of Neisseria gonorrhoeae.

Claim 20. The antigenic conjugate of claim 19, wherein the LPS is de-o-acylated.

Claim 21. The antigenic conjugate of claim 19, wherein the carrier protein is selected from the group consisting of tetanus toxin, tetanus toxoid, Group A streptococcal toxins, pneumolysin of Streptococcus pneumoniae, filamentous haemagglutinin (FHA) of Bordetella pertussis; FHA fragments; pili or pilins of Neisseria gonorrhoeae, pili or pilins of Neisseria meningitidis, outer membrane proteins of Neisseria meningitidis, outer membrane proteins of Neisseria gonorrhoeae; C5A peptidase of Streptococcus and surface protein of Moraxella catarrhalis.

Claim 22. The antigenic conjugate of claim 19, wherein the carrier protein is linked to the conserved portion of the LPS with a compound selected from the group consisting of sulfo-LC-SPDP; LC-SPDP; SATA; SATP; SMCC; MBS; ISlABI; SMPB; BANSI; ADH; EDAC; and DTSSP.

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